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Containing a Knitted Fabric and Method for  
Opening Said Casing

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Before examining the above-identified application and calculating the filing fee, please amend the application (with reference to the English translation thereof) as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.